

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 12, 17-18 and 21-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has added the limitations of claim 6 and intervening claim 5 to independent claim 1. The claim limitations of 12 and intervening claim 11 have been added to independent claim 7. The claim limitations of claim 1 have been added to claims 17 and 18, which are now independent. The claim limitations of claim 7 have been added to claims 21 and 22, which are now independent. All the remanding claims depend from these allowable claims. Applicant has carefully endeavored to keep the scope of the allowed claims the same, but has rearranged the language to make them clearer.

Reconsideration of the claims and allowance of claims 1-3, 7- 9, 13- 22, and 28- 35 are respectfully requested. For any questions on this response or the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number given below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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